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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, June 18, 2012**
Clarion Hotel, 200 Main St., Green Bay, WI

- 1) The meeting was officially called to order by President McKloskey at 11:03 am.
- 2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey
Vice-President Craig Dickman
Commissioner Tom Klimek
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner John Hanitz
Commissioner Greg Flisram
Commissioner Ron Antonneau



Excused: Commissioner Bill Martens

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW
Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW

- 3) Approval/Modification – *Meeting Agenda*

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

- 4) Approval/Modification – *March 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes*

A motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2012 was made by John Hanitz and seconded by Craig Dickman. Unanimously approved.

- 5) Cat Island Chain Restoration Project

a.) GLRI Access Road Project - Update

Mark Walter explained that on Monday, May 20th construction started on the access road was completed the first week. The first layer of core stone up to Station 39+18 (3,900 feet) was

completed without any problems. Next week (June 25th) they will start laying the armor stone. The three month project is almost half done this first month. The Contractor has had anywhere between 10 and 20 trucks running out at the site. Rock is coming from Peter's Abrams Quarry which is 30 miles up the road for the core stone. When they get to the armor stone they will be taking rock from their Caelwaerts Quarry that meets the Corps specs. The project has been progressing smoothly. The Port's on-site Construction Supervisor went out and met with all of the homeowners and drafted a letter that he presented to them giving contact information. He talked to everyone on the road noting that the family at the end where most of the work is being done have no problems or complaints. The June 18th edition of the Green Bay Press-Gazette had an article with a picture showing the status of the project. As far as financials, the Port has received two bills from Peters and has spent about \$600,000 out of the \$1.3 million. There have been a couple of changes to note. The Corps original plan was to have an access gate at Station 1,872 feet where the water's edge used to be and now it's more like 3,000 feet and the access gate would have been useless. The County decided to move it to the beginning just after the end of the paved road in order to have better control of the whole site. The contract is scheduled to be up September 8th with Peter's and the project appears to be ahead of schedule.

The Port has contracted with Photodynamix; a company that takes oblique aerial photography of the Cat Island, Renard Island and Bayport sites to take aerial images of Bayport, Renard Island and Cat Island.

The villages of Howard and Suamico have been requesting assurances from the County and the Corps that we would return Lineville and Bayshore Roads to good enough shape for them to be used for residential traffic upon completion of each segment of the project. Brown County has provided the villages with a letter stating that at the end of the project the County will fill in any potholes and other damage and make sure during construction the road is maintained in a drivable/safe condition. Prior to starting the project, Brown County did a complete survey and inventory of the road, videoed it, and took approximately 400 pictures of the road surface to document existing conditions. The road has held up well at this time considering the number of trucks traveling along it.

b.) Project Partnership Agreement and Resolution - *Request for Approval*

Dean Haen reviewed the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with Board members. The PPA defines the relationship that Brown County will have with the Federal Government for the construction of the Cat Island project for which Brown County will be responsible for a 35% cost share of the \$27.9M project. The agreement specifies that the County will be providing stone as in-kind service with special provisions noting that instead of providing the Corps with cash, 25% of the project would be provided in the form of stone, the remaining 10% will be paid in cash. At this time based on the current project costs the Port will owe the Corps \$550,000 over 30 years, payable from future Harbor Fee collections.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant of \$1.5M to build the access road ended up building 3,900 feet or 900 more than planned. If the Federal Government can realize the same cost savings, the overall project costs will reduce significantly and may result in no future cash payments.

The PPA and Resolution has already gone to PD&T where it was approved. It will go to County Board Wednesday June 20th.

A motion to approve the Project Agreement and Resolution was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Craig Dickman. Unanimously approved.

c.) Cat Island Stone Bid – Update

The bid for the acquisition of stone for the next phase of the Cat Island project was posted a week and a half ago and is due June 20th. The bids have to explain the location of the quarry, how far it is, and what the route is going to be for hauling so the rock costs can be evaluated equally. The quotes will be brought back for future meetings as informational. The Port's initial estimate is that the quotes will \$6 to \$7 million dollars' worth of stone. There are only three or four stone providers in the area that can meet the quantity and rate of production for this project. The armor stone is something that cannot be providing locally. The County's current GLRI project is getting armor stone from the Oconto area.

d.) Cat Island Advisory Team Framework - Update

The DNR permit requires the creation of an advisory team and how it shall function. Current voting members are: Gary VanVreede (U.S. Official Wildlife and Fishing Rep), Dean Haen (Port & Solid Waste), Dave Bowman (Project Engineer from the Army Corp of Engineers), Robert Rosenberg (DNR), and Janet Smith (Citizen Stakeholder). The structure allows for consistency over time with team decisions not being diverted by a single new individual. This is a consensus based decision-making process to collectively manage the Cat Island project for placement of dredge material, invasive plant, mammals, birds, etc.

Ron Antonneau suggested a formal document be placed in the file that states the intentions and understanding of this Harbor Commission with regards to the Advisory Team. The document will also clearly define the term of the Advisory Team as being the date the Island's ownership is transferred from the Corps to Brown County. Haen and Antonneau will work on the document for presentation at the next meeting.

6) Renard Island Construction - Update

Haen went over the Corps draft construction bid with the Corps that morning. The Corps is going to place approximately 130,000 cy of new dredge material under their dredging contract into cell 4 at Bay Port. The same number of cubic yards of dry dredge material will be removed from cell 5 and hauled to Renard as part of closure. The closure plan design has about 330,000 yards of room under the final cap in order to close the island. In order for this to be possible, Brown County will have to waive its tipping fee on placement of the new dredge material. This will result in less revenue in 2012 and less expense over the winter of 2012/13 (2013 budget). This essentially will have no fiscal impact on Brown County because the Corps will be performing duties otherwise performed by the County. In addition, the previously received Renard Island grant dollars performed duties that had been the financial responsibility of the County and for which the County previously received tipping fees for. This will be adjusted for under the next 217 Agreement audit.

This effort demonstrates a creative way of advancing Renard Island closure activities, keeps the project moving forward, and demonstrates further progress to the DNR as the closure deadline of June 2013 approaches. At this time, it seems apparent that the County and Corps will need to request a deadline extension.

7) Beneficial Reuse - Update

The County has a contractor looking at dredge material for the Highway 41 project. The County has spent a lot of time and energy over the last couple of years with Foth identifying materials that could be used for beneficial reuse. Cell 7 has 412,000 yards of material that can be used in the Highway 41 project. The County is now ready to go out and sell to contractors working on the US 41 project. One contractor is looking at the dredge material and hopefully something will happen. Dredge material is dry topsoil that has limited applications since the DNR wants it encapsulated; it can't be put on the surface; for elevated road construction, it can't go under the road but it can go in the piers on each side of the road. It can't be put under the road because it does not have structural properties like sand or clay. The best application is going to be when they do the I-43 interchange, since Bayport can be easily accessed right there. The County has detailed information on the physical characteristics and environmental profile of the material, and will know the DOT and DNR's limits of application. The County should have a letter from the DNR within the next 30 days approving the material.

8) 1445 Blysbey Avenue - Update

The County has permits from the State, City, and County to fill the Blysbey property. Ostrenga starting using it as has the village of Ashwaubenon. A contractor that is going to fill the whole thing up has contacted the County. Brown County Highway is doing some runway work, which includes 10,000 cubic yards of busted concrete to grade, which will be done by fall. The County will have to pay Gerczak to do the leveling which will cost a minimum \$12,000. Next year the County will have to come back and put 6 inches of gravel to smooth out the surface and install a culvert to discharge from the bio filter.

9) Director's Report

Jodi Meyer is the Department's new typist/receptionist. Bill Martens has resigned after 26 years and will be recognized with a plaque for his service next month as a guest at the Commission meeting.

10) Tonnage Report- Request for Approval

There was an article in last week's newspaper about Port tonnage; it was down in April and unclear where it is heading for May. Salt was down due to a milder winter but the Lambeau Project and the Highway 41 project will cause cement to be significantly higher. U.S. Venture will be higher in activity this year too.

A motion to approve the tonnage report was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

11) Audit of Bills- Request for Approval

A motion to approve audit of bills was made by Craig Dickman and seconded by Tom Klimek. Unanimously approved.

12) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

None at this time.

13) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Klimek and seconded by Craig Dickman.
Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Neil McKloskey, President
Harbor Commission

Dean Haen, Interim Director
Port & Solid Waste Department